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This Amendment is being filed in response to the Final Official Action of the Examiner mailed November 14, 2006, with a shortened statutory period set to expire on February 14, 2007. This paper is filed within the set priority period for response such that no extension of time is necessary.

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.